

Press Release

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CC: Governor's Office
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Re: March meeting of the Authority Board of Directors

Board Approves 2 Competitive Research Projects

The Board of Directors for the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority approved additional matching funds for two current Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) matching grant projects at its March 19 meeting in Little Rock:

1. "Formation of an Arkansas Center for Membrane Transport" by Dr. Michael Jennings of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, in the amount not to exceed \$10,717.53.
2. "Formation of a Center for Ultra-Fast Electronic-Photonic Material and Devices" by Dr. Gregory J. Salamo of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the amount not to exceed \$10,717.54.

Prior to the March 19 funding, Dr. Jennings received \$478,510.00 in matching grant funds from the Authority; the National Science Foundation (NSF), to date, has awarded \$588,663.00. Dr. Salamo has received \$622,090.00 from the Authority; NSF has awarded \$765,316 to date.

*NSF established **EPSCoR** in response to congressional concerns about geographical inequities in the distribution of federal research and development dollars. From 1991 to 1998, Arkansas received a total of \$20.8 million in funding from agencies for their respective EPSCoR programs.*

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The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.

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